

Summary of last lecture

- Purpose of DBMS
- Disadvantages of file processing system
- Advantages of DBMS
- Disadvantages of DBMS

View of Data

- Major purpose of a database system is to provide users with an *abstract* view of the data.

Data Abstraction

- Data abstraction is the reduction of a particular body of data to a simplified representation of the whole.

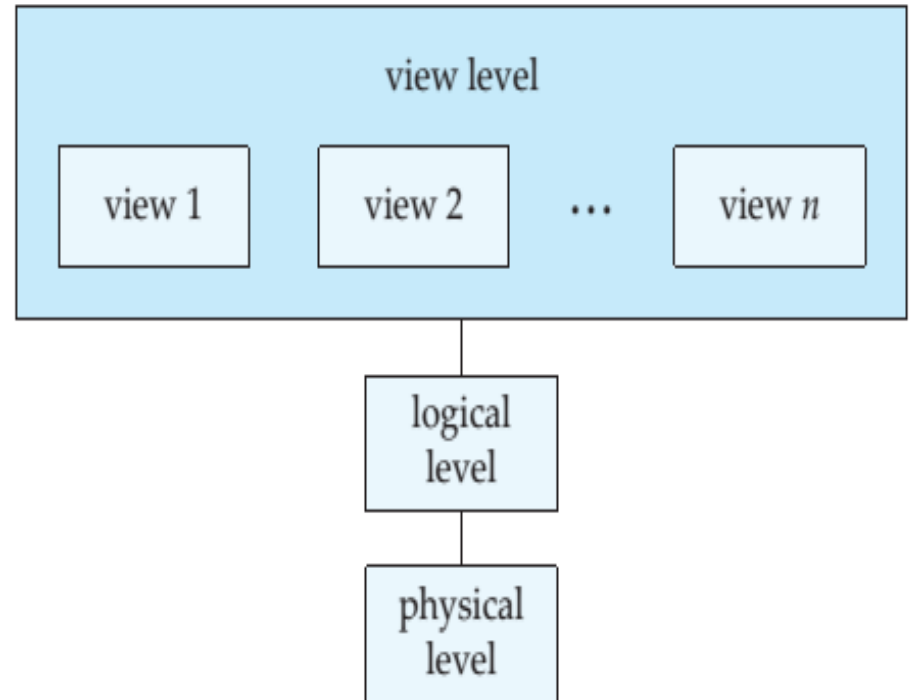


Fig: Three Level of data abstractions

View of Data Contd...

- **Data Abstraction**

- **Physical level** (Low Level)

- ✓ How data are actually stored
- ✓ Describe Complex low-level data structure
- ✓ E.g. index, B-tree, hashing.

- **Logical Level(Conceptual Level)** (Middle Level)

- ✓ What data are stored and what relationship exist among those data

- **View Level (External Level)** (High Level)

- ✓ Describe only part of the entire database
- ✓ E.g. tellers in a bank get a view of customer accounts, but not of payroll data.

View of Data Contd...

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type instructor = record  
    ID : char(5);  
    name : char(20);  
    deptname : char(20);  
    salary : numeric(8,2);  
end;
```

This code defines a new record type called *instructor* with four fields.

- At the **physical level**, an *instructor* described as a block of consecutive storage locations. And compiler hide this level of details from programmers.
- At the **logical level**, each such record inserted by user.
- At the **view level**, computer users see a set of application programs that hide details of the data types.

Instances and Schemas

- The data stored in the database at any given time is an **Instance** of the database
- The overall design of the database is called the **database schema**.

Name	Account No	Balance	Address
Bob	102	1000	Mumbai

Table shows an instance of a database with schema (Name, Account No, Balance, Address)

Instances and Schemas

➤ Database systems have schemas at each level of abstraction:

❖ The **physical schema** describes the database design at the physical level

i.e. as a file of records of a particular type

❖ The **logical schema** describes the database design at the logical level.

Example: (Name, Account No, Balance, Address)

❖ A database may also have several schema's at the view level, sometimes called **subschemas**, that describe different views of the database.

For example, (Name, Account No) is a subschema of (Name, Account No, Balance, Address)

Database Languages

A language used to handle Database systems with the help of query is called as database language.

❖ Parts –

- Data definition language (**DDL**)
- Data manipulation language (**DML**)

- *Procedural DML* – user need to specify **what** data to retrieve and **how** to get it
- *Non-procedural DML* – user need to specify **what** data to retrieve **without** how to get it